

LMS Matters

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Dear Parents and Carers

Well the weather is certainly telling us that summer is over. The sharp change to the temperature appears to have caught some parents out, both in their own clothing at pick up and drop off times, but also forgetting to ensure their children have an appropriate coat with them every day! This is now essential for the rest of the year.

This week we had children from other schools come and join us for a **WRITERS' WORKSHOP**. We are very pleased to host such events for these writers, both from LMS and other local schools. The children got to work with the author Anne Stairmand as part of the Authors Abroad and AIM High (Achieve, Inspire, Master) program. Please see Twitter for photos of how much fun they had.

Our new **SCHOOL COUNCILLORS** were announced this week, after being voted in by their classmates. I am pleased to share with you that this year's councillors are...EYFS: Bertie and Leo, Year 1: Yusuf and Ava, Year 2: Zain and Milly, Year 3: Jacob and Zoe, Year 4: Emily and Jasmine, Year 5: Albie and Jessica, and Year 6: Charlotte and Caitlin. Huge congratulations to them all. These children will represent their classes at meetings with Miss Surgett, where they will arrange events, give input in changes the school wants to make and help raise money for charity. These will then be supported by our **JUNIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM**, (Head Girl, Head Boy and their Deputies), who will work alongside and represent the school's own leadership team. The applications are in and next week the children will be told who has made it through to the next stage – the interview!

I am pleased to share with you some information about the **TOMMY FLOWERS SCITT OPEN EVENING**. Working in partnership with schools across Milton Keynes and the surrounding area, their teacher training programmes provide access to outstanding training, mentoring and pastoral care. They create varied experiences for their trainees that will set them up to be excellent teachers for the children of Milton Keynes. They aim to nurture trainees into exceptional teachers who develop positive attitudes to learning and behaviour in their pupils, have strong subject and professional knowledge and engage their classes with enthusiasm and energy. If you are interested in becoming a teacher, please see the information further on in this newsletter.

Next week sees our latest **READ, WRITE, INC. DEVELOPMENT DAY** in school. We work alongside our RWI Consultant who visits as many RWI sessions as possible, coaching our staff for their continual professional development of teaching phonics. RWI has transformed the phonics offer we can give our children but we do not rest on our laurels – we strive to get better every single day.

Once again our **WEEKLY ATTENDANCE TROPHY** for the best attendance of the week is causing excitement in the children. On analysis, the classes that keep winning are those of course that have the most children here every day, but also have no lates. Children who arrive late after the register has closed (8.55am) are marked as absent for that session and this affects the overall class percentage. The children need to be here "every day, on time and ready to learn" - what can you do to help your child's class win next week?

This half term, our parent consultations are being rebranded to ensure we focus them even further, From now on, parents will be invited to **LEARNING CONVERSATIONS** with their child's class teacher. The first of these will take place during the **w/c 17th October**. This first learning conversation will take place across the week and will be VIRTUAL. Our second learning conversation will then be face to face in school. Google forms that allow you to choose your preference of slots in that week will be coming out next week. Please look out for these and return them asap.

As part of our half termly theme, **EXPECTATIONS**, we have worked with staff around our positive behaviour policy. We have created an "it just takes 3 – the Long Meadow way" strategy to support all our staff in ensuring consistent behaviour management across our school. Our recent training covered 3 things all of our staff should do when managing behaviour. These include 3 non negotiable rules, 3 key adult behaviours, 3 visible consistencies staff should show, 3 positive recognitions of good behaviour, 3 step to restoration, and 3 scripts staff can use to support children. Many adults think behaviour management is about training children how to behave but we believe that if adults are trained and make changes, everything changes!

You should all have received a letter about **BISCUITS AND BOOKS** this week. For those of you new to this event, parents/carers or another family member can come into school from 8.40-8.55 to read with their child/grandchild/niece/nephew, and biscuits are provided! So please save the date of our first one which will be on **Wednesday 2nd November**.

Thank you for all of our **HARVEST FESTIVAL** donations so far. These will form part of our donation to the **FOOD BANK** in Milton Keynes. The closing date for donations is **Wednesday 19th October** in the morning.

Finally this week, a number of parents have asked about something we used to do a long time ago with regards to **SIBLINGS** walking down to their siblings' classes at the end of the day. We stopped this during COVID and have decided to continue not to do this. This means younger classes are not disrupted at the end of the day. If you have multiple children, staff are aware that you may not be there at exactly 3.15pm and will hold your children whilst you collect the others. Please decide which child you wish to collect first (we suggest the youngest one) and make your way up to collect the older ones. Thanks in advance.

Next Wednesday sees us celebrate **WORLD TEACHER DAY** – we are so lucky to have the wonderful staff we do.

Mr Gray



Weekly Attendance
trophy winners

EYFS/KSI

**Tadpoles
(again!)**

who achieved

99.5%

KS2

Hawthorn

who achieved

98.7%



Please see lots
of local groups
and events
advertised
further on in this
newsletter, this
week includes
free music
sessions!



Long Meadow Legends

Tadpoles – Ivy

Minnows – Ali

Pondskaters – Isaac

Sticklebacks – Ade

Frogs – Noah

Newts – Corey

Hogweed – Jacob

Bracken – Shenley

Foxgloves – Lorelei

Hawthorn – Philip

Thistles – Kimmy

Ferns – Megan

Brambles – Laila

Teasels – Maisie

A special mention to Eli G & Max B for achieving their 50 day Doodle Maths streak and Georgette F & Philip N for achieving 250 days!

Well done to Max B & Eli B for achieving their 50 day Doodle English streak and Philip N for achieving 250 days!

Sports Person of the Week

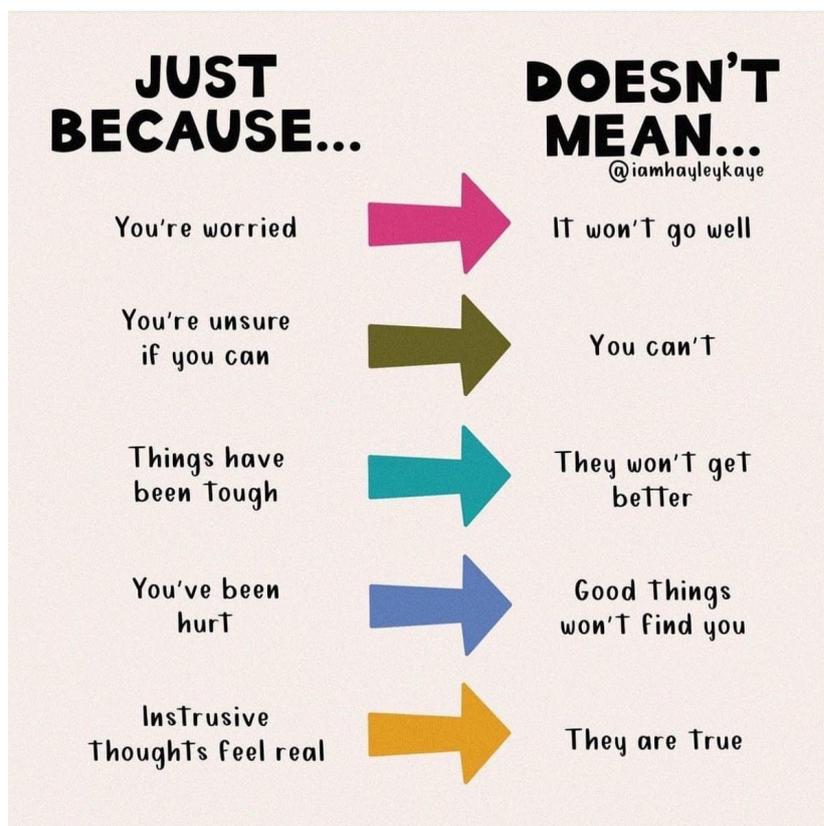
Nova B (Foxgloves)

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LMS Parent and Carer Well-being

'Supporting families as well as the children in our care'

Sometimes we give ourselves mixed messages. Sometimes we may feel a certain way and we attach to this an outcome. This outcome is, more often than not, wrong. Take a look at the information below – how many of these do you recognise? How can you change your, and your children's, thinking around these?



LMS Safeguarding

'Helping parents and carers keep their children safe at home'

After last week's game information, we thought it would be good to continue the theme. This week, MINECRAFT. My son plays this every day – he loves it, but there are some hidden safety issues that you need to be aware of:

Inappropriate content: there may be violent content, or content that might not be age-appropriate for your child. For example, some users recreated the TV show 'Squid Game' (rated 15) in Minecraft, meaning other users could see its violent contents without watching the show

Contact: strangers might try to talk to your child. This could be harmless, but some adults could use platforms like Minecraft to try to make contact with children, build relationships with them and later cause them harm

In-game purchases: users can use 'Minecoins' to make purchases in the game. These are bought through the app store on the user's device

Bullying and griefing: 'griefing' is where someone intentionally ruins the game for others

Please see the attached parent factsheet for ways to help your child, as well as lots of links to further information on things such as how to mute or block players for a range of platforms. Trust me, read this and you will learn sooooo much.



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YAMAHA MUSIC SCHOOL – LEARN TO PLAY '22

SATURDAY 8 OCTOBER 2022

Dear Parents

We are opening our doors to the public on Saturday 8 October offering free hands-on taster lessons here Yamaha Music School at Walton High, in Walnut Tree.

We are offering those signing up following the event, inclusion in a free prize draw to win a Yamaha keyboard.

To take advantage of this exciting offer, please visit our Website. The link is www.waltonhigh.org.uk/yamaha-music/taster-booking-learn-to-play-day/, or you can use the QR code below. You can book the taster lesson at a time to suit you throughout the day. You can also find us on Facebook @ympwaltonhigh and Twitter @YamahaWH.

The Yamaha Music School offers tuition on Vocals, Drums, Piano and Keyboard. Come along and try one or a variety of instruments – you are welcome to book more than one! The Yamaha team will then get in touch with you to confirm your secured place but hurry, there are only limited spaces available!

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

P Daggett

Paul Daggett - Head of Music School



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GET INTO TEACHING

Find out how to train to become a teacher in Milton Keynes with the Tommy Flowers SCITT's PGCE courses. The presentation will cover eligibility, finance, the application process and what makes training with the Tommy Flowers SCITT a great opportunity.

MORE INFORMATION :



Thurs 6 Oct, 10 Nov &
8 Dec 2022



all from 17:15 - 18:15 pm



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